

NEHA presents A Special Training Opportunity

Learn the Latest about Asthma Triggers and an Overview of IAQ Issues

The National Environmental Health Association, in cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Indoor Environments Division, is offering a significant new training opportunity for environmental health professionals working in city, county or state health or environmental protection agencies. NEHA is providing a comprehensive, two-day training course that is designed to reflect the new national priorities in addressing indoor air quality and health impacts resulting from IAQ contaminants. Specifically, material on asthma triggers, environmental tobacco smoke, mold spores and radon will be presented along with supporting resource material. The course will be taught by recognized authorities in the indoor air field with a focus on presenting the latest health impact data and remediation strategies.

In addition to the educational content of the workshop, a second and equally important goal is to train participants how to develop and implement a comprehensive community action program. The local community action program is designed to obtain measurable results in the areas of outreach and public participation, identification and risk reduction in the area of IAQ contaminants, identifying and eliminating asthma triggers (and other issues specifically impacting children) and encouraging residential testing and mitigation for elevated levels of radon gas. *NEHA will require a commitment to implement a community action plan as a prerequisite for acceptance to the training.*

NEHA will select up to thirty (30) people for training in Washington, DC, with all expenses paid. This would include round-trip air fare (coach with a Saturday night stay over), lodging and a per diem allowance for meals. Travel to Washington, DC, will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2004.

The course will be conducted on the following schedule:

Wednesday	February 18 th	one-half day
Thursday	February 19 th	full day
Friday	February 20 th	full day
Sunday	February 22 nd	participants will depart Washington, DC

Those wishing to participate should submit a letter of interest on agency letterhead with both an address and telephone number where you can be reached. The letter should address the following points:

1. position title, with brief job description and length of time in the environmental health field;
2. history and experience of your program in addressing the IAQ issue;
3. how IAQ will rank as a priority in your overall program;
4. any on-going programs that your agency has or that you would like to see established in the area of radon/IAQ/asthma risk reduction (please indicate if your agency has received EPA radon funding within the last six months);
5. any specialized IAQ programs you are involved in, and/or any asthma-related programs you have or will develop;
6. any special areas of interest that you feel are relevant to your consideration for this course; and
7. that you have the support of your management to undertake a one-year IAQ program.

Letters of interest should be submitted to:

Mr. Larry Marcum, Manager, Research and Development
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Applications by Fax or e-mail are acceptable.

- Letters of interest must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, January 20, 2004.
- Selections and notification of successful applicants will be made no later than Monday, January 26, 2004.

Any questions concerning this project or the application process should be directed to:

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Please include your e-mail address on your letter of application.

